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Dear General Gehlen:

On the occasion of my retirement, I wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed the all too few occasions we have met - and to wish you and the German Intelligence Service all success in the coming years. I have been very conscious of the links which have grown up over the years between your service and mine, and have had ample opportunity to realize how much it has contributed to the informed cooperation of our two governments. I have enjoyed particularly the visits to Bonn and the opportunity to discuss with you and the most senior officials of the German Government those matters of vital interest which affect us both.

I only hope that the remainder of your career in office is as fruitful and that our work together grows and continues to become more productive.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

/s/

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